



Sample Station #1

**Midas #1278
KEELEY LAKE**

MARSHFIELD TWP, WASHINGTON CO., MAINE

AREA 49 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILE

KEELEY LAKE

Marshfield Twp., Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Bog Lake, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout
Splake
Yellow perch

Minnows
Fallfish (chub)
White sucker
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 49 acres

Maximum depth - 41 feet

Principal fishery: Splake

Temperatures:

Surface - 71°F

40 feet - 45°F

Keeley Lake is located east of Route 192 in Marshfield. Vehicular access from the east is over a lengthy gravel road. In the winter, some anglers walk or snowshoe in along another woods road off Route 192. In those winters when the larger lakes have unsafe ice in the early part of the season, Keeley can usually be safely fished. A canoe or small boat can be launched at the first access location.

This water formerly provided a good brook trout fishery that was maintained through annual stockings of fall fingerlings. However, the fishery seemed to decline once yellow perch became well established. When splake became available for stocking, we decided to try them here knowing that they would utilize the perch as forage. The introductory stocking occurred in 1995, and since then, this species has provided mixed results. In some years, returns to anglers of legal size (i.e. >12 in) fish are low due to unusually poor growth in the first year after stocking. In other years, anglers catch decent numbers of 12-13 in splake along with an occasional larger one. Stocking rate has been reduced in an effort to improve growth and condition of splake. Periodic stockings of brook trout are made to augment the splake fishery.

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